

**AMENDMENTS**

***Amendments to the Specification:***

Please amend the specification as set forth below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Please replace the paragraph located on page 4, lines 2-9 with the following substitute paragraph:

--Since the 5' end of the open reading frame has still not been unambiguously defined, also a second protein SEQ ID NO:5 of 206 amino acids starting further upstream from the 5' end of the 177 amino acid protein SEQ ID NO:3 which was found by expression cloning (SEQ ID NO:4) was permanently expressed in a human colon carcinoma cell line CX2. This larger protein has a differentiation-inducing activity towards murine Friend erythroleukemia cells which is 1-2 dilution grades higher.--